

Action Items from the 2017 State Director's Meeting

- 1) Coordinate among states on regulating disposal of TENORM waste. Any EPA role? (States)
- 2) Follow up on lead in drinking water discussion – work on proactive coordination and communication at regional and national level (R8 OWP)
- 3) Follow up on rural landfills discussion – Share information on WY model with other states and EPA (this is also an issue for R8 tribes). Add to agenda for R8's fall Hazardous Waste/Solid Waste all states meeting (R8 OPRA/WY)
- 4) States expressed interest in streamlining exceptional events evaluation process in context of new rule and guidance on stratospheric intrusion and wildfires (R8 OPRA)
- 5) Identify opportunities to cross train oil and gas/air inspectors and share best practices (R8 Energy Advisor/ECEJ/ UDOGM)
- 6) Strengthen relationships through face-to- face discussions, focus on drivers (including political and economic drivers), more transparency, eliminate second guessing and duplication of effort, acknowledgement of different perspectives, rule of law, more clarity on goals and objectives (All)
- 7) Schedule and conduct a high level webinar on NEPPS flexibility for State Directors and Financial staff – conversation about what can and can't be done (R8 OPRA)
- 8) Work with states and NPMs to provide clarity on carry over policies, use of grant extensions, and other opportunities to maximize use of state grant awards (R8 TMS/OPRA)
- 9) States expressed interest in Region 8 getting funding out to states as quickly as possible. (R8 OPRA/TMS)
- 10) Ken Wagner asked for states to engage him directly if issues arose (States)
- 11) Follow-up discussion needed regarding state and federal authorities over oil gathering lines (R8 ORC/ECEJ/States)
- 12) Explore opportunities for credit for early action/ voluntary measures to avoid non-attainment designations (R8 OPRA/ORC)
- 13) Outreach planned from EPA to state attorney generals to discuss roles and responsibilities under cooperative federalism (R8 ORC)

14) Because Region 8 states are dealing with flat or declining state revenues and budgets, challenges associated with an aging workforce, and too much litigation over federal rules, Region 8 and the states will look for opportunities to use cooperative federalism as a means to recalibrate environmental roles and responsibilities. (All)